MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 191 in 1106, and 88 in the first three quarters of 1107.

(*b*) and (*c*) A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

Details of Forest revenue during 1100 – 1106.

70. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the source of the major portion of the revenue of the Forest Department for the last five years;

(*b*) the percentage of the revenue realised from the sale of timber and firewood;

(*c*) the percentage of the revenue derived from the sale royalties on registered lands and the percentage from Government lands;

(*d*) the amount derived from the sale of firewood;

(*e*) the percentage of revenue derived from the sale of fuel coupes outside the reserves; and

(*f*) whether the vacated fuel coupes outside the reserves are made available for registry or whether they continue to be Government lands?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement† giving the information is laid on the table.

(*b*)

Year.	*Timber.*	*Firewood.*
1102	86·3	2·8
1103	87·5	1·7
1104	88·8	1·9
1105	91·2	0·7
1106	91·9	0·5

(*c*) No separate accounts of the revenue of the royalties extracted from registered lands and Government lands are maintained. Hence the information is not available.

(*d*)

Year.	*Amount.* Rs.
1102	45,994
1103	27,769
1104	33,297
1105	12,138
1106	7,566

(*e*) The revenue derived from the sale of fuel coupes outside the reserve is not separately shown in the departmental accounts apart from the sale of fuel coupes within the reserves. Hence the information is not available.

(*f*) Yes; they are handed over to the Revenue Department for registry after the tree-growth is removed.

Raising the pay of the Pakuthi peons.

71. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of raising the pay of peons in the Pakuthi Cutcherries from Rs. 8 per mensem to Rs. 9-1/6-11 per mensem

* *Vide* Appendix III—page vi. † *Vide* Appendix IV—page vii.

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along with the pay of other peons in the Department, has been considered by the Government; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the result of the same?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Government have ordered that the question should lie over until the financial conditions improve.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the question of revising the pay of the peons in the Pakuthi Cutcherries was taken into consideration?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe it was in 1105.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the particular month during which this question was taken up for consideration by the Government?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. This matter was raised as a resolution in the Council, I believe, in 1105.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It was stated during the course of the discussion that the matter was already under the consideration of Government. May I know for how many months before the discussion this matter was under their consideration?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government actually thought of providing funds for this but they could not do so. The matter was therefore dropped.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Were funds provided in the Budget for 1106?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, but they were provided in 1105. This matter was considered in December 1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was it ordered that the matter should lie over till the economic condition improved?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): On 22-9-1930.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether, after December 1929, the pay of any officer in the State was raised?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because that the officer concerned was in a worse financial position than the Pakuthi peon?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is an important matter and Government wanted to consider the question of reorganising the Pakuthi staff of the whole State.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the peons of the Pakuthi Cutcherries on an entirely different grade from the peons of other departments?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They get less pay.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Could not the question of raising the pay of the Pakuthi peons have been considered separately?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Along with the question of revising the pay of the Pakuthi peons, Government thought of revising the pay of the Provertikars and Accountants. That meant a considerable sum of money. There were about 1,140 peons and the additional amount required for them alone came up to Rs. 22,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the subordinates whose pay was revised were persons receiving a lower pay than the Pakuthi peons?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know in how many cases the pay of subordinates was raised?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

Pakuthi peons in the Karunagapalli taluk.

72. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Pakuthi peons employed in the Karunagapalli taluk in the year 1106;

(*b*) the nature of the work done by them and expected of them; and

(*c*) the total amount out of the State revenue paid to them during the period in the shape of pay, allowance, etc.?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 27.

(*b*) They attend to the service of demand notices and otherworks in the pakuthies, carry remittances and records from pakuthies to the Taluk Offices and accompany the Provertikars and Accountants when they go out for collection, field work for detecting encroachments, etc.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 2,367-2-1 has been spent for 1106 in the shape of pay and allowance to these 27 peons. Besides this, a sum of Rs. 375-11-12 has been spent towards acting allowance to th sub-stitutes during the leave periods of the permanent incumbents.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by the Anchal Superintendent in 1107.

73. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appoint ments made by the Anchal Superintendent in 1107 (till the 30th Edavam)?

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